Deep Sea Fishing as an Industry

*415. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to treat deep sea fishing as a separate industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir; there is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

Reduction in prices of groundnut oil

*416. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that voluntary agreement between Central and State Government and producers for reduction of groundnut oil prices by Rs. five in Gujarat has been violated;

(b) whether edible oil in Gujarat has disappeared after the agreement;

(c) whether the Department has received any complaints that NDDB is responsible for the hike in proundnut oil prices;

(d) whether Government have looked in. to the functioning of the NDDB; and

(e) what is the amount of advance given by R.B.I. to NDDB to purchase groundnuts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The reports received so far do not indicate that oil trade of Gujarat have gone back on their word to sell groundnut oil in loose at retail level for Rs. 38|- per kg.

(b) No, Sir. However, after the initial period of confusion in Trade about it, the oil has been sold by most leading firms as per their promise. Reports though suggest that arrival of groundnut oil in principal cities of Gujarat has been less than usual.

(c) Recently no such written complaint has been received.

(d) The NDDB has full functional autonomy in respect of Market Intervention Operation for a period of five years w.e.f. April, 1989.

(e) The RBI has authorised a need-based credit limit to NDDB for purchase of edible oils/oilseeds under MIO. The limits are authorised to a consortium of Banks and are revised from time to time taking into account the requirements of NDDB.

Import Prce of Drugs

*417. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 650 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of a number of drugs being imported by multinational Drug Companies is three to four times higher than the prices at which other companies are importing;

(b) whether Government have come across such instances;

(c) if so, the names of drugs/their import prices and the prices at which other Companies are importing;

(d) whether it is also a fact that those Companies are importing finished medicines from their principals and their associates at much higher prices and selling on stock and sale basis: and

(e) what are the names of finished medicines imported by each, source of import and the price at which each is being told?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (Correct number of the earlier question is presumed to be 1650 replied on 12-9-91 and not 650.)

(a), (b) and (c) Company-wise imports of individual drugs and formulations, and their prices are not being monitored.